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SUBJECT: CASUALTY MESSAGE

TO MRS. JOSEPH J. COSENZA
415 PITTSBURGH AVE.
MASSAPEQUA PARK, N.Y. 11762
TEL. 516-541 6669

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH
OF YOUR HUSBAND, JOSEPH J. COSENZA, LOCAL HOSPITAL SAN GIOVANNI
DI DIO, FLORENCE, ITALY INFORMED THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT FLORENCE,
ON MAY 26, 1978 OF HIS DEATH BY MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION ON MAY
26, 1978 AT 9:45 AM AT HOSPITAL'S INTENSIVE CARE WARD.

2. YOUR HUSBAND HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY MEANS OF HIS PASSPORT
AND BY HOTEL PERSONNEL.

3. NO AUTOPSY FORESEEN.

4. THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT FLORENCE HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF HIS
PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

5. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE
URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT
ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER DEATH.
WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU
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WISH TO HAVE YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES.
IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO US, NEW YORK,
WOULD COST DLS 2,940. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO NEW YORK
WOULD COST DLS 1,525. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED THE COST IS
DLS 295. COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS DLS 961. ALL OF THE
ABOVE
COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

6. BUSINESS ASSOCIATES IN ITALY WILL ALSO CONTACT YOU.

7. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISIONS PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, FLORENCE, ITALY, AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF US FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

B. TELGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK AT FLORENCE, ITALY, PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE.

C. IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE US, YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE US FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

8. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETIONS OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.
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9. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF DEATH CERTIFICATE: YOUR FULL NAME INCLUDING MAIDEN NAME, YOUR HUSBAND'S PLACE OF BIRTH.

10. IF NECESSARY YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING (055) 298276 IN FLORENCE, ITALY.

BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
GORDON AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL
AT FLORENCE, ITALY

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